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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EGYPT AIR 707 CRASH INQUIRY

REF: BANGKOK 34773 (NOTAL)

1. NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD INVESTIGATOR E.D. DREIFUS, ASSISTED BY BOEING AND PRATT AND WHITNEY REPS, TERMINATED CRASH INVESTIGATION JAN 6 AND DEPARTED FOR U.S. JAN 7. ALL HAVE CONCLUDED THAT AIRCRAFT AND ENGINES WERE FUNCTIONING PROPERLY AT TIME OF IMPACT AND THAT CRASH CAME AS A RESULT PILOT ERROR OR DISABILITY.

2. THAI DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION OFFICIALS, ACCOMPANIED BY EGYPT AIR MEMBERS OF CRASH INQUIRY COMMITTEE, WILL DELIVER FLIGHT DATA RECORDER AND COCKPIT VOICE RECORDER TO NTSB WASHINGTON WEEK OF JAN 10. WE UNDERSTAND NTSB WILL DO READ-OUT ON BOTH DEVICES WEEK OF JAN 17. WHILE IN WASHINGTON, DREIFUS WILL ASSIST THAI OFFICIALS IN PUTTING TOGETHER OFFICIAL ACCIDENT REPORT, ON WHICH NTSB WILL SUBSEQUENTLY ADD COMMENTS.

3. EGYPTIANS HAVE RAISED MUTED HINT OF POSSIBLE SABOTAGE,

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BASED ON REPORT THAT THREE-GERMAN-SPEAKING PASSENGERS BOARDED PLANE IN BOMBAY CHRISTMAS EVE, THEN DEPLANED SHORTLY PRIOR TO TAKEOFF FOR BANGKOK. EGYPTIANS ARE REPORTEDLY TRYING TO TRACE AND INTERVIEW THESE PASSENGERS. THEY HAVE NOT FOUND ANY EVIDENCE OF SABOTAGE AT CRASH SITE. DREIFUS AND U.S. COMPANY REPS, AS NOTED ABOVE, CONSIDER SABOTAGE UNLIKELY. THEY NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THAI AUTHORITIES FAILED

TO CARRY OUT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OR AUTOPSIES ON CRASH
VICTIMS, ALTHOUGH SUCH EXAMS ARE STANDARD CRASH PROCEDURES
IN MOST COUNTRIES. INVESTIGATORS SAY THIS IS FACTOR
BECAUSE IN CASES WHERE AIRCRAFT IS DESTROYED BY BOMB,
FORCE OF EXPLOSION OFTEN IMBEDS TINY PARTICLES OF METAL
IN VICTIMS; AUTOPSIES MIGHT HAVE PROVIDED EITHER POSITIVE
OR NEGATIVE BOMB BLAST EVIDENCE.
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